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The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: As this is the first official meeting of the Security Council for the month of November, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Chinmaya Rajaninath Gharekhan, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of October 1991. I am sure I speak for all the members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation and admiration to Ambassador Gharekhan for the great diplomatic skill, unfailing courtesy, distinction and efficacy with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

CENTRAL AMERICA: EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/23171)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/23171, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Group in Central America, covering the period from 30 April to 28 October 1991.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/23196, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Austria, Belgium, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, France, India, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen, Zaire, Zimbabwe

The PRESIDENT: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted as resolution 719 (1991).

The Security Council has concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.